GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRI EXPORT ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agri Export Zones (AEZs) and Flower Clusters established in the country, State-wise and location-wise;

(b) the details of investment made in these Agri Export Zones/Clusters alongwith the target of exports achieved during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;

(c) whether any measures are being taken to accord priority to these zones so as to attract investment particularly in the State of Gujarat;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Agri Export Zones and Flower Clusters in the near future; and

(f) if so, the locations identified for setting up of the same in the country including State of Tamil Nadu, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) According to the feedback received from State Governments the 60 Agri Export Zones(AEZs) sanctioned by the Government have crystallized cumulative investment of Rs. 1140.37 crore and cumulative exports of Rs. 10705.12 crore since their inception. Details are Annexed.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Under its Plan Schemes the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority(APEDA), extends financial assistance for development of infrastructure in the AEZs, Quality Development programmes, training, seminar, workshops are organized in the AEZs. Financial assistance has also been extended to the State government and exporters in the 3 AEZs in Gujarat. 16 projects in 4 AEZs (flowers in Sikkim, mango in Andhra Pradesh, pineapple in West Bengal and ginger in Assam) with an outlay of Rs 48.85 crore have also been approved under the Assistance to States for creating Infrastructure for the Development and Growth of Exports (ASIDE) Scheme.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.